

George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

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Dear Mr. McElwee:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 20, 2019 for access to George W. Bush Presidential records pertaining to multiple topics. Your request was received by the George W. Bush Library on October 20, 2019. FOIA requests for George W. Bush Presidential records are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the 1978 Presidential Records Act, as amended (PRA) (44 U.S.C. §§ 2201-2209), which incorporates the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) in substantial part.

Due to the volume of records responsive to your request, we have divided your request into three separate FOIA cases. They are as follows:

2020-0015-F Records discussing the firms of Giuliani Partners and Giuliani-Kerik LLC, beginning approximately January 2002

2020-0016-F Any records pertaining to the 2003 appointment of Bernard Kerik to serve as the Interim Minister of Interior of Iraq and senior adviser to the presidential envoy to Iraq

2020-0017-F Any records pertaining to the nomination of Bernard Kerik to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security

2020-0015-F

We have performed a search of our collection for Presidential records related to your request and have identified approximately 2355 pages and 9170 electronic files of potentially responsive records that must be processed in order to respond to your request. Please keep in mind that these totals are an estimate and that all material processed may not be applicable to your specific topic.

2020-0016-F

We have performed a search of our collection for Presidential records related to your request and have identified approximately 110 pages of potentially responsive records that must be processed in order to respond to your request. Please keep in mind that these totals are an estimate and that all material processed may not be applicable to your specific topic.

2020-0017-F

We have performed a search of our collection for Presidential records related to your request and have identified approximately 860 pages and 635 electronic files of potentially responsive records that must be

processed in order to respond to your request. Please keep in mind that these totals are an estimate and that all material processed may not be applicable to your specific topic.

The staff of the George W. Bush Library is currently processing and reviewing FOIA requests that precede your request. To treat everyone equitably, we have placed your requests in the following queues:

2020-0015-F is in our complex unclassified electronic queue by the date it was received in our office, and there are 161 requests ahead of yours.

2020-0016-F is in our in and out unclassified textual queue by the date it was received in our office, and there are zero requests ahead of yours.

2020-0017-F is in our simple unclassified electronic queue by the date it was received in our office, and there are 35 requests ahead of yours.

FOIA requests are processed and reviewed for access under provisions of the PRA and FOIA and are subject to the provisions of NARA regulations at 36 C.F.R. § 1270.46, which require that we notify the representatives of the former President and the incumbent President prior to the release of any Presidential records. Also, it should be noted that documents processed in response to your requests may be closed in whole or part in compliance with applicable PRA restrictions and FOIA exemptions.

When processing is complete and the notification period has passed, we will inform you of the availability of the requested records. At that point, you may request copies of these records at a reproduction fee of \$0.80 per page, or you can choose to view these documents in the research room of the George W. Bush Library where a self-service copier is available for the price of \$0.25 a page.

If you have any questions regarding your FOIA requests, please contact our staff at 214-346-1557 or gwbush.library@nara.gov. Your case log numbers are 2020-0015-F, 2020-0016-F, and 2020-0017-F. Please have these numbers accessible for reference during any future contact concerning these FOIA requests.

Sincerely,

SHANNON JARRETT

Supervisory Archivist

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